GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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Financial Assistance for SC/OBC Students
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to increase the financial assistance/grants for SC/OBC students to the States and NGOs working for their welfare and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the rates/ norms for some of the schemes have been revised lately;

(c) whether there is scope for further revision; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)
(a) and (b): Government has taken various steps like increasing the income ceiling in the eligibility criteria and revision of the rates to increase the financial assistance/grants for SC/OBC students to the States under relevant Centrally Sponsored Schemes and NGOs working for their welfare. The details are annexed.

(c) and (d): The Schemes are reviewed from time to time and rates of financial assistance/grants including the eligibility criteria are changed on the basis of needs, subject to the availability of budget.